









## THE COTTON CROP

As Reported by Macon Warehousemen and Buyers.

## THE CROP CUT OFF ONE-THIRD.

Receipts Much Larger than Last Year—Other Points About Cotton—Railroad Matters—The State Fair, Etc.

Macon, Ga., September 15.—[Special.]—There has not been a single bale of cotton marketed in Macon this season.

This is a somewhat remarkable showing for this day. The weather has been fair and the drought has caused the crop to mature very rapidly, and in some localities the crop is all opened and a good deal of it marketed.

Your correspondent made the rounds of the warehouses today, and interviewed the cotton men. Willis F. Price was the first man met, and he was as busy as a bee marking a dry load of cotton that had just come in by rail.

"How is cotton, Mr. Price?"

"Coming in rapidly. It is rolling in by wagon and by rail just as fast as it can."

"How are your receipts compared with the corresponding date last year?"

"More than double, I suppose, at a rough guess."

"Where are you getting most from?"

"Well, from Houston county, I suppose, though Jones is sending in a great deal to us. From those two counties we have received the most of our cotton this year."

"What is the report from the farmers?"

"All open and very short. The farmers say the top crop is all lost by the drought."

"How do the reports from the planters?"

"They are all very good. The crop is in reply to the report of the planters. I suppose there will be a pretty fair crop made, but the summer rains caused it to run to seed, and the drought has cut the top crop off; so it is undoubtedly off."

"THREE GUSS." "Say," said Mr. Flanders, as the reporter left, "you know how to get the best of Alexander &amp; Co.'s prize for the nearest guess to the amount of last year's crop?"

"I do not."

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A circular letter, signed by President Nibbel, Secretary Greer and Superintendent Nibbel, was sent out to the other members of the executive committee, setting forth the advantages and possible disadvantages of the matter fully.

Out of the replies received only three were negative, and as such a large number are in favor of it, the question is about settled. The parties who are setting up the scheme are to join the young men's troupe, light procession, on the night of the 20th, and march right down to the park.

It will be for all parties having exhibits outside the big halls to communicate at once with the managers, so as to get lights placed over their exhibits. This is especially important to the refreshment men, as they will want their places well lighted.

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## RIOTERS IN MASK.

Further Details of the Randolph County Tragedy.

## THE MISSING NEGRO STILL HIDDEN.

The Coroner's Jury Investigate the Attack, But Fail to Find a Clue to the Guilty Parties.

CUTHBERT, Ga., September 15.—[Special.]—Nothing new has developed in the killing of the negro Adam Mallard by the mob of disguised men night before last. The missing son who was supposed to be the one who fired the first shot, is still hidden. It is thought he is either dead or frightened too to come back home. The remainder of the family, consisting of the wife of the murdered negro, the daughter who received a bullet wound in the leg, and the son who narrowly missed having his head pierced with a ball through the brain, are still in the hands of the law.

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A LARGE AND BRILLIANT AUDIENCE.

The Performance Noticed in Detail—An Ex-  
cellent Programme Well Rendered—  
A Judge's Estimate by Melody.

The benefit concert last night proved a brilliant success. It went off to the entire satisfaction of the committees that had in charge, to the distinguished musicians who gave their services gratuitously, and to the vast audience which filled DeGue's opera house.

Exactly how much money the entertainment will net the veterans cannot be stated this morning, but it certainly exceeded \$500. By eight o'clock the parquet and dress circles were densely packed, and there were a large number of people in the galleries. Before the opening number was begun, every seat in the lowest part of the house was occupied. It is doubtful whether a finer audience ever attended a concert in Atlanta. The occasion reminded one of the opening night of the great music festival three years ago. The assembly was a brilliant one. Many gentlemen were in full evening dress, and the ladies were radiant in their bright and attractive costumes.

As soon as the clock struck eight, the audience began to show its impatience by a stamping of feet and a clapping of hands. Then, upon Judge Callahan stepped before the footlights and said:

Ladies and gentlemen: This grand audience affords unmistakable evidence that the hearts of our people are full of charity—the sweetest of all virtues—for our old and young, who have sacrificed health, shed their blood, and wasted the energies of their young manhood, in the grandest struggle for what they believe to be the cause of a people, the world has ever witnessed. (Applause.) Rest assured that the money you have contributed has been judiciously administered, and I doubt not will gladden the heart of many an old soldier, make him return to his allegiance and make him a citizen of the United States. (Applause.) I am instructed by the ladies of the Musical Association, under whose auspices this concert is given, to thank you for your presence and to express their warmest regards to you and to the ladies and gentlemen who will appear this evening, our high appreciation of their generosity. (Applause.) We now have in store for you a rich and varied program, and I have the pleasure of announcing first an overture by Verdi's orchestra, which will be followed as indicated on the program. (Applause.)

The Fra Diavolo overture was played with spirit and precision by an orchestra of ten men under Mr. Wurm's leadership. The instrumentalists were: A. J. Wurm, first violin; J. H. Wurm, second violin; Henry L. Nussbaum, second violin; Emil Bischoff, cello; C. T. Wurm, contra bass; Fred Wedemeyer, Jr., clarinet; F. C. Barth, flute; Edwin Schneider, piano; Wm. F. Clark, cornet; C. T. Wurm, cornet. The opening piece was enjoyed by the audience, and liberal applause was given the players.

The grand march, a martial song by Schumann, was rendered with appropriate fervor and dash by Mr. Sumner Salter. He was loudly applauded, but refrained from giving an encore.

The prayer and barcarole, from Meyerbeer's "Star of the North," was sung by Mrs. Sumner Salter. Mrs. Salter's voice was clear and melodious, and she had not sung a dozen notes before she had captured her hearers. She was so cordial and so full of life, that she was forced to sing again. In pleasing contrast with her first selection she gave an arch ballad of Schumann's—"The Hodge Rovers."

The fourth number was a piano solo, by Mr. Constantin Sternberg. This great artist never before appeared to so great advantage before an Atlanta audience. His reception was so enthusiastic that even before his fingers touched the keys of the piano he knew that he had established a sympathetic connection between himself and his audience. He selected, first, a difficult and brilliant arrangement of Mendelssohn's "Midsummer Night's Dream." His rendition of this piece was a masterpiece. Last himself, he played a piece which he had improved upon in his best days, could hardly have improved upon Mr. Sternberg's rendition. The vast audience broke out in actually wild applause when he finished. He bowed, and the applause did not cease until, after twice bowing his acknowledgments, the pianist resumed his stool. He gave as an encore a delightfully popular piece, "The Swan," which was received with the same enthusiasm. This pleased the audience as well as the more stately "Wedding March," which preceded it, and renewed applause testified how Mr. Sternberg was appreciated.

As soon as Mrs. Anna Simon Werner came upon the stage, the building shook with applause. This lady, who occupies one of the wonderful hold upon the people of Atlanta, and whenever she sings in public she achieves a new triumph. Her voice is so sweet and so full of life, that she is never last night; and never did she sing better. The Bolero from "Sicilian Vespers," is admirably suited to her voice. She sang it with a purity and grace, and a grace of expression and an abandon which were irresistible. She was almost overwhelmed with applause. In response to a recall she sang, "Way Down the Swanee River." It is no exaggeration to say that this old southern favorite was never more effectively sung in Atlanta. As soon as it was finished Judge Howard Van Epps, who occupied one of the front seats, wrote the following on a program and passed it up to the private box in which the diva's husband was sitting:

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## A HUNG JURY.

The Jury In the Gardner Case Stay Out All Night.

Yesterday was a field day in Judge Van Epps's court. There was some very brilliant legal fencing, and the speeches entertained the large crowd of visitors.

The case of the state against Dr. G. W. Gardner was drawing to a close. Colonel George T. Fry concluded his argument, began day before yesterday. His presentation of the case was regarded as an able one. Colonel Brandt made an eloquent and forceful plea for the prisoner at the bar. General Garrett spoke in behalf of the defendant.

The closing argument was made by Solicitor Glenn. He asked the evidence and applied the law as he went along. He insisted that the case was one of the plainest cases in which he had ever been engaged. The evidence against Dr. Gardner, he contended, was equally strong as that which convicted May L. Hunt. He could not, therefore, see any reason why the world why the prisoner should be convicted. He contended that the state had fastened the crime upon the defendant and that a prompt verdict should be rendered.

Judge Van Epps charged the jury in a lucid and exhaustive manner. He told the jurors about the law governing the case and gave them explicit instructions as to their duties. At one o'clock the jury retired to the consultation room. Most of the crowd expected that a verdict would be rendered in a few minutes. The court took a recess.

At four o'clock in the afternoon the jury asked to be permitted to come into the court to hear a charge from the judge touching a certain feature of the case. Permission was given, and in filed the jurors. Judge Van Epps instructed them and they went back to their rooms. In twenty minutes they came out again for additional instructions which were furnished by Judge Van Epps. At 5 o'clock the court adjourned to meet at 9 this morning. Before adjournment, however, the judge informed the jury that it would be given over to the state a verdict not reached; that should a verdict be agreed upon he would receive it at any hour.

The jury, in the charge of bailiffs, passed the night in a hotel. It is said that the jury has not yet agreed; that it stands four for conviction and one for acquittal.

**GEORGIA RAILROAD STOCK.**  
The State to Dispose of 186 Shares in the Georgia Railroad.  
Hon. Mr. Harrell, of Webster county, has had his resolution authorizing the governor to dispose of 186 shares of the stock of the Georgia Railroad and Banking company, held by the state, favorably reported by the house finance committee.

It is likely that the resolution will be passed, as it is intended to apply to the stock of the Georgia Railroad and Banking company, held by the state, favorably reported by the house finance committee. The resolution provides for the sale of the stock at 100 cents per share, and the proceeds to be used for the purpose of the Georgia Railroad and Banking company.

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